

Putting a Lock on Crime



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MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Charleston Police Department to serve all people within our jurisdiction with respect, fairness, and compassion. We are committed to the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace, order, and safety; the vigorous enforcement of local, state and federal laws; and the defense of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina and the Constitution of the United States of America in a fair and impartial manner.

We are committed to serving our community to enhance the quality of life and to nurture public trust by holding ourselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics. Our officers are determined to serve as a deterrent to crime; develop relationships with community groups, residential and business organizations; to promote an environment receptive to tourism, visitors, and residents; and to support historic preservation in our city. Additionally, we are dedicated to our personnel by providing continuous training and

educational development, as well as career enhancement opportunities.

The Charleston Police Department has and shall continue to provide service of the highest quality to its community and foster community partnerships in crime prevention.

The vision of the Charleston Police Department is to be a world class law enforcement agency committed to the values of Honor, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, and Teamwork. We demonstrate creativity, challenge our capabilities, and encourage initiative and risk-taking. We hold ourselves to a high standard of excellence and continually improve by solving problems and making decisions that benefit the organization and community. We are dedicated to service, lifelong learning, and professional growth.

CORE VALUES - H.E.A.R.T.

HONOR- We serve with honor through our actions, conduct, and job performance. Performed with integrity, even at personal cost, we constantly strive towards ever-rising standards.

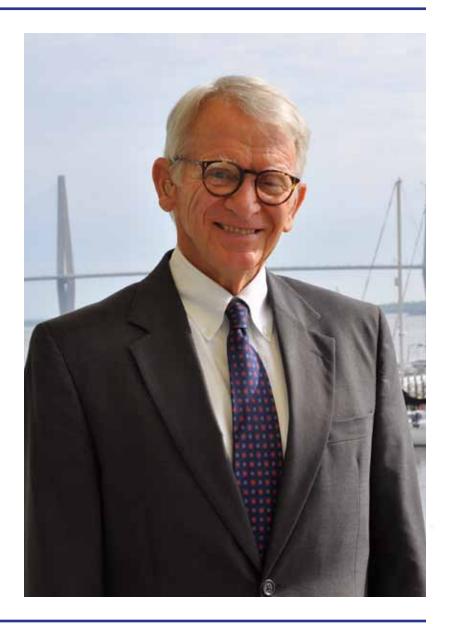
EXCELLENCE- We seek excellence in all that we do and strive for continuous improvement. Our employees are encouraged to be innovative and creative.

ACCOUNTABILITY- We are an organization of employees who do the right thing and are responsible for what we do and say.

RESPECT- We value all citizens, each other and different points of view, regardless or race, gender, appearance, individual beliefs, or lifestyles.

TEAMWORK- We support an environment that recognizes mutual cooperation and group accomplishments, while encouraging individual contributions.







February 19, 2013

Dear Residents:

The City of Charleston Police Department's 2012 Annual Report is a report of excellence, courage and great public service. I am extremely proud of the men and women of the City of Charleston Police Department and know that pride is shared by every law-abiding citizen of our city.

Our first responsibility in government is public safety. In making our community safe, we grant the ultimate and complete freedom and opportunity to our citizens. The ability of our Police Department to achieve substantial reductions in crime has made the citizens of our city much safer. It is the result of intelligent, efficient and courageous law enforcement.

I wish to extend to Chief Greg Mullen and all the fine men and women of the City of Charleston Police Department, my sincere congratulations and gratitude.

Most sincerely yours,

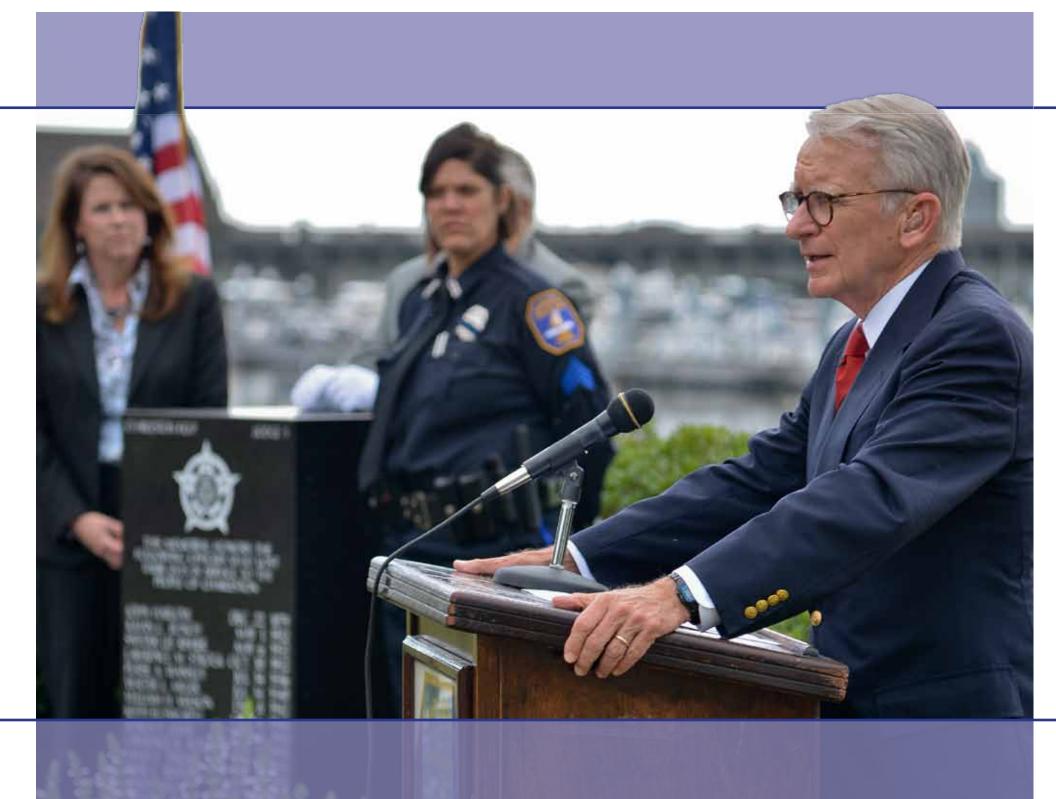
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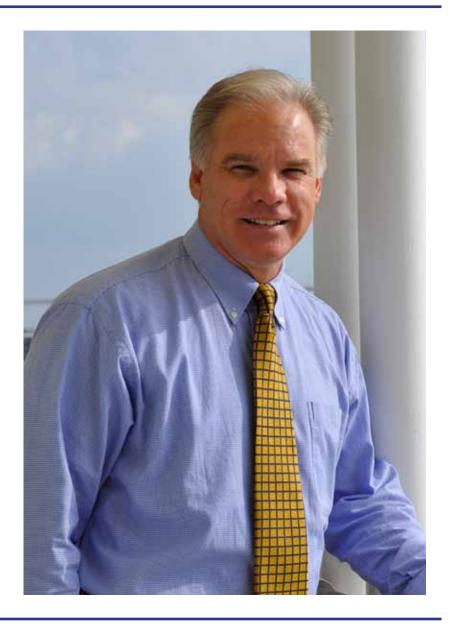
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March 1, 2013

It is with great enthusiasm and a profound level of pride that I offer the Charleston Police Department's 2012 Annual Report. This publication features information about our agency and provides a summarized report of achievements and statistics for the year.

The information contained within the pages of the report comes from throughout the Department and serves as a snapshot of the remarkable work that is accomplished daily by the men and women of the Charleston Police Department. By combining new and proven concepts and processes, we continue our forward movement and search for excellence. While we achieved much in the last year, I believe that our future has much more in store for us.

The report demonstrates our commitment to the principles of police-community problem solving. During 2012, our community partners were critical to our success. Many members of the community, elected officials, and business leaders supported our efforts and helped identify priorities in all segments of the community. Their enthusiasm and dedication had profound impacts and play an integral role in our overall success. Because of this joint partnership between the police and the community, the City continued its multi-year decline in violent crime. In 2012, violent crime dropped nearly 30%.

The report also displays the organizations flexibility and willingness to adapt to the changing environment that we face on a daily basis. By combining the hardwork, determination, and commitment of the Department members along with a thirst for innovation and the utilization of emerging technologies, we have remained on the cutting edge of our profession. Our technology vision is bold and has expanded this year with new systems such as CopLink, IRSA digital in-car cameras, a new CPD Dashboard, mobile computer upgrades, and the testing of predictive policing.



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Mayor

We have continued to work hard with our law enforcement and business partners to identify and remedy issues that can negatively impact our city and the region while seeking out ways to leverage resources and maximize collective impact. By enhancing our crime analysis and problem-solving capabilities, we are staying ahead of emerging issues, which resulted in a safer city for citizens and visitors.

We also continue to focus on professional development and training. Members of the Department attended over 200 advanced training classes during the year and we constantly update our training curriculum to stay current on emerging issues such as Active-Shooter Response and Fair and Impartial Policing. Leadership development, which is critical to the success of the organization and City, also continued. Our future leaders must understand and embrace a belief system that promotes professionalism, selfless-service, and honor. To this end, during 2012 every formal leader in the Department completed a Leadership Challenge Program that taught leadership principles and solidified the importance of every leader Challenging Up and Supporting Down. This training has established an important foundation for all future leadership initiatives.

Many of the accomplishments that have been achieved this year are consistent within progressive law enforcement agencies and are designed to offer opportunity for growth and development in a myriad of areas that are critical as we develop trusting relationships within our community. By institutionalizing these principles, our current and future leaders will understand the importance of community support to the success of our overall goals.

While 2012 was an outstanding year for the organization, I am confident that the future has even greater things in store for the Charleston Police Department, the City, and our community. I am proud to lead this exceptional organization and excited to be a part of this community. I know that we have many great achievements in store for us as we continue to strive for excellence in our service to the community.

Sincerely,

Gregory G. Mullen Chief of Police





A Team Effort

Team 1

In order to reach the goal of violent crime reduction, Team 1 leaders made numerous changes in 2012. While some of the changes were minor, all contributed to violent crime reduction. Officers were able to work with other city entities to add additional lighting to several housing areas as well as within the Rosemont Community. Additional lighting rids these communities of clandestine places to make drug transactions and commit other types of crime. The Community Action Team (CAT) added the Gadsden Green community to the areas they work. Reaching out to this community helped residents know they would have the same officers to work with on a more frequent basis.

Team 1 has a large entertainment district within it. Officers are assigned to the King Street area to deter crime and maintain a safe environment. During 2012 there were no reported robberies or burglaries in this area. Crime was almost nonexistent in the surrounding area as well. The area to the west of King Street is filled with numerous

college residents. King Street officers along with those assigned to the neighboring beat were able to ensure students made it home safely. They did this by constantly patrolling the area and advising students that were engaging in unsafe behaviors.

During the 2012 Awards Ceremony, Officer Louis Stewart was recognized as the Probationary Officer of the Year. Officer Stewart made significant contributions during his first year with the department. Sgt. Anthony Boswell was recognized as the Knight of Columbus Officer of the Year. His leadership qualities are much admired by those who work for him.

Team 2

Maintaining a safe environment for the growing numbers of tourists and nightlife patrons is typically the biggest challenge for Team 2. Charleston has become a year-round tourist destination with the numerous festivals, parades and road races held every year. These numbers cause everything from loud noise complaints to traffic collisions. Working together, the officers assigned to Team 2 actively stop problems before they start.

To help assist with the nightlife complaints and safety concerns, the Entertainment District extra duty slots were created for additional staffing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. These officers assist patrons with getting home safely and offering suggestions to keep them from being victimized. This frees up patrol units to drive through the neighborhoods to ensure boisterous patrons are not disturbing residents. Officers assigned to bicycles also move through the entertainment areas and neighborhoods. They are able to move quickly during heavy traffic times particularly when an emergency response is needed

Officers Kelly Duncan and Christopher Freshman were able to respond quickly to a stabbing in the Market area. They each received departmental awards for assisting a victim who had been stabbed in the abdomen. Their quick actions helped keep the victim from bleeding to death until paramedics were able to take over. Officer Cameron Woody received a commendation for quickly apprehending two armed robbers. His diligence and attention to detail made the neighborhood safer and took two robbers off the downtown streets.

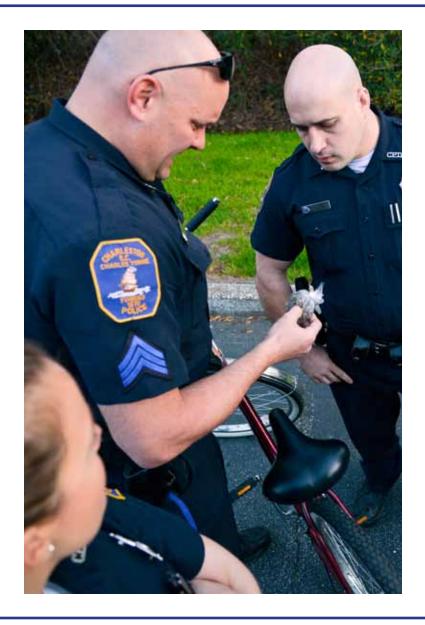
Team 3

In 2012 there were significant changes to Team 3 leadership. The team commander, administrative sergeant and the team investigator were all moved to different positions. This created almost no interruption to daily operations. The new team leaders worked quickly to earn the respect of their fellow officers. Together new goals were established and officers worked to meet them.

A major goal in Team 3 was the reduction of property crimes. Officers focused their attention on the neighborhoods where burglaries were occurring. This diligence led to the arrests of several frequent offenders. Officers worked with burglary detectives and the solicitor's office leading to several convictions with significant prison terms. Removing these frequent offenders led to a decrease in property crimes 11 out of 12 months in 2012.

Team 3 officers came together when Officer Wes Foster was struck by a passing motorist while working a traffic collision. Officer Foster was severely injured and unable to return to patrol for nine months. During that time Team 3 officers continu-





ally checked on him and his family. The department presented U.S. Air Force SSGT Jeff Aldana with the Citizen of the Year award because of his actions on the night of the incident. Team 3 welcomed Officer Foster back and gave a standing ovation to SSGT Aldana at the annual awards ceremony.

Team 4

Throughout 2012 the officers assigned to Team 4 continued their community policing efforts. The neighborhood officers developed lasting relationships within their assigned communities. These kinds of relationships are imperative when solving crime. In the spring, Team 4 struggled with a tragic crime. When the dust settled there was little evidence to assist with the investigation. The team banded together and worked 24 hours a day 7 days a week with the community and other departmental units to solve this crime. All information they were able to obtain was passed on to investigators which led to several arrests. Without this dedication this crime may have gone unsolved.

The Community Action Team (CAT) worked alongside the Ashleyville,

Maryville, Ardmore, and Orleans Woods communities to deter crime and resolve livability concerns. They attended community meetings as well as organized neighborhood events. On Saturdays they work with Seacoast Church within the Ardmore community and are working diligently to get a community center erected. Being a constant presence in these communities provides a safe environment for the families and gives them someone to reach out to when they have concerns.

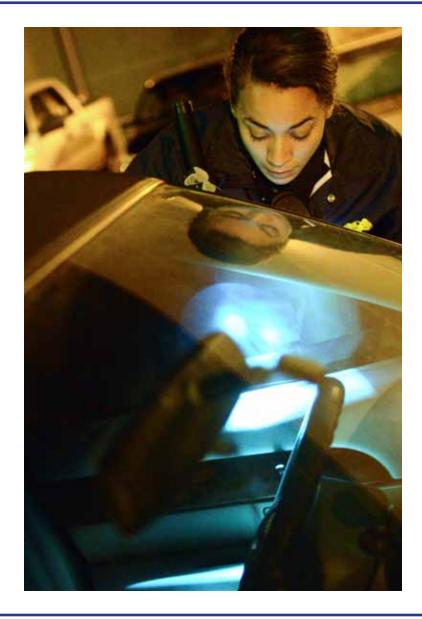
Officer Kelly Maguire's presence in a West Ashley apartment complex saved the lives of two toddlers. She received a departmental award for rescuing the toddlers during an apartment fire. The apartment had already filled with smoke however Officer Maguire did not hesitate to go in and get the children. Officers Jared Briggs and Dan Penick received a departmental award for quickly detaining a man brandishing a firearm outside a local business. Without their quick intervention, this situation could have escalated into something more tragic.

Team 5

During 2012 Team 5 experienced a significant increase in burglaries in a very short period of time. Officers put an action plan in place. This plan consisted of numerous Team 5 officers along with investigators and the intelligence unit. Burglaries began to drop drastically. Officers provided advice to assist residents with decreasing their chances of becoming a victim.

To assist officers with deterring and locating offenders, Team 5 added a T-3 to their equipment. A T-3 is an electrical personal transporter like a Segway, but with three wheels. The T-3 allows officers to be highly visible and respond quickly in the business district. The new T-3 is also very helpful during the Family Circle Cup. Officers also received two new computers which allow them to access needed information on field interviews and traffic stops. Team 5 also added an additional officer to their team. Team leaders have a strong connection with the community and stay in contact with neighborhood presidents via e-mail and phone calls.





Field Intelligence Unit (FIU)

The FIU division consists of four detectives who are responsible for reviewing cases sent by CIU to determine operating plans to deter crime or apprehend criminals. FIU updates the intelligence database, gathers intelligence from various sources in the community on criminal trends.

FIU - Notable 2012 achievements:

In January, FIU assisted Team 2 investigators with locating Jeffery Vickers who was responsible for a number of Breaking & Entering to vehicles cases south of Broad Street. Upon obtaining a search warrant, officers recovered multiple items taken during those incidents.

In Feburary, FIU assisted the robbery unit with identifying and locating two males and one female offender involved in a robbery to a pedestrian at Pitt and Montague Streets. A tip was received naming the offenders as "LaKeith" and "Raymond." A photo line-up was completed and the victim positively identified the two males. FIU was able to locate addresses for the suspects and identify the female.

In March, FIU assisted the homicide unit in

locating multiple persons of interest in the homicide of Joshua Wilder on 5th Avenue.

In April, the unit assisted the robbery detail to identify, survey and arrest two cross dressing suspects who had robbed a number of locations along Savannah Highway.

In May, officers assisted the robbery unit with executing a search warrant and the arrest of a suspect involved with an armed robbery to an individual at 71 Society Street.

In June, FIU officers assisted CID, SIU and ATF with the Marley Lion murder case.

In August, unit officers were called in to locate and arrest Michael Hall, accused of pointing a pistol during a party on James Island.

In September, FIU assisted the robbery unit to locate, survey, and arrest an offender involved with an armed robbery and shooting at 949 King St.

In November, FIU assisted CID and SIU with developing an informant that led to the arrest of Kenny Boon for arson.





Working Together

Community Support

In 2012, community support was critical in achieving Department success exemplified by the Marley Lion homicide case as well as the investigation into a series of downtown fires started by an arsonist.

A number of new initiatives were launched in 2012. The most visible, StandUp Charleston, was created as a direct result of the public outcry in response to the murder of Marley Lion. Many concerned citizens were outraged at this senseless tragedy and wanted to make a positive difference by engaging the community to prevent future criminal acts like the Lion homicide.

The Executive Steering Committee, led by Margaret Seilder, identified a series of initiatives that were developed and implemented in 2012. Among them, the Committee pursued stricter laws that will specifically target repeat and violent offenders, facilitated neighborhood assessments that engaged the community and established a new program that assists young girls with personal and social responsibility.

The Department received a number of citizen compliments regarding the positive actions of police officers. While compliments are not uncommon, many citizens choose to verbally acknowledge an officer in an informal manner. In 2012, the Department received a total of 48 formal compliments that recognized 72 officers for their outstanding service. Six of those compliments recognized entire patrol teams. Additionally, of the 102 City employees nominated for the Blue Dot outstanding service award during 2012, 20 were members of the Charleston Police Department. The compliments made by citizens clearly demonstrate the City's officers are constantly exemplifying the efforts and attitudes that are inherent in the values of both the Department and the City of Charleston.

CAT Teams

Community involvement is an important part of the mission of the Charleston Police Department. It continued its community outreach effort in 2012 with its Community Action Team (CAT).

The team, comprised of a sergeant and

seven officers, partnered with the Larry Legend D.R.E.A.M. All-Stars to deliver an anti-bullying message through the sport of basketball. The players got the message across to the children that bullying should not be tolerated. They learned that anyone who knows that another child is being bullied, they should tell an adult.

In addition to the basketball game, CAT Team members also participated in the city's Lunch Buddies Program and Reading Buddies Program at Julian Mitchell Elementary School. They also partnered with Parks and Recreation and several churches for the Over the Horizon Project which is held the first and third Saturday of each month at the Shaw Center on Mary Street.

TCERT Post 911

A new youth program was started in 2012. The Charleston Police Department sponsors the group "Teen Community Emergency Response Team (TCERT) Explorer Post 911" which is open to youth in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Counties. TCERT is formed under the parent organization, Lowcountry Community Emergency Response Team (LCERT) that services the tri-county area. Post 911 was

chartered in June 2012. There were eight youth in the program at the end of the year.

The Advisors are Senior Patrol Officer Harry Sosa, CPD Volunteer Valarie White and Adam Colley. Officer Sosa and Mrs. White are also on the LCERT Board as Chair and Co-Chair, respectively, of the Youth Division.

Here are some examples of services provided by the post. They presented during Camp Hope, provided a "TEEN Citizens Academy," had an education booth at the Charleston County School District's First Day Festival, assisted in the Adult CERT Classes, directed traffic and assisted in the medical tent during the Highland Games, conducted a Teen CERT certification program and participated in the Mt. Pleasant Christmas Day Parade.

The mission of the post is to coordinate with the youth from Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Counties to train, educate, and inform them about emergency preparedness and help form a well-rounded young adult. The Lowcountry Teen CERT Explorer Post is looking for young adults 14-20 years of age. The post is a year round program that educates young adults about emergency preparedness and trains them in



basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. The overall goal is to prepare them for life's personal emergencies as well as careers in Emergency Service.

Post 911 meets at the Charleston Police Department on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Camp Hope

Camp Hope is a program that is sponsored by the City of Charleston Police Department. Its mission is to provide a healthy and safe lifestyle that will empower children to express themselves in a positive manner while exposing them to diverse recreational, educational, and social opportunities and behaviors. The program is free and available to children ages six to fifteen years old.

The camp runs for six weeks and is held at area schools. Camp Hope is led by Charleston Police School Resource Officers and a host of police volunteers. It serves at-risk youth by focusing on leadership and life skills as well as academics over the summer months. It began in 2007 as a series of day camps downtown. In the summer of 2012, Camp Hope expanded to West Ashley Middle and John's Island.

Camp Director's Perspective: There are all kinds of camps available for all kinds of children, at all kinds of costs but when I try to explain that Camp Hope is free to students that attend schools in Charleston County and is offered from 6:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m. most people are speechless. Camp Hope has had a number of tremendous positive impacts on our camp participants. At the end of the night and the summer, when it's over, they don't want to leave and when they grow up, they want to come back. The fact is, today's children have so many electronic devices that command their attention but they lack what kids really want to do. Kids want to play, socialize and be creative and share their talents and skills with others and Camp Hope provides that opportunity for them.

Physical Activity – Camp Hope provides them a wonderful opportunity to move. They are engaged in sports, a number of daily exercise routines as well as swimming on a weekly basis. (Nutrition and Health Screening)

Self –Confidence – Camp Hope helps them to build self-confidence and self- esteem by providing diverse opportunities to succeed and teaches them that they can accomplish anything they set their minds too. Camp Hope also encourages them to try new things to gain resiliency. (Conflict Resolution/Bullying Sessions)

Technology Break – When you get kids away from television and other electronic devices it provides an opportunity for them to discover their creative powers and talents. (Field trips: Charleston Rivers Dogs Game, Charleston International Airport, The Art Institute, Harbor Cruise, Gibbes Art Museum, etc.)

Become Independent – opportunity for them to make decisions with their parents or teachers to guide them through the process. (Social and Personal Responsibility Segment and College of Charleston Department of Theatre and Dance)

Learn Social Skills – Coming to camp means joining members in your community to cooperate and respect each other and make new friends. All the fun things at camp allow everyone to come together as one big happy family. (Social and Personal Responsibility Segment)

The children practice their reading and math throughout the summer enhancing their skills for when they return to school in the fall. Camp Hope also provides each camp participantwith a backpack and school supplies to begin their school year off on a positive note. (Educational Component – Retired School Teachers)





Along the Streets

New Police Cars

For the first time in many years, the City of Charleston police cruiser underwent an aesthetic upgrade that pays homage to the history of the Department. The change also improves the overall look and visibility of the patrol vehicle.

Most notable, the words "Police" and "Charleston" are prominently displayed against both the front and rear doors while accented with a blue stripe. The new graphics also include a logo of the Charleston Police Department officer's badge that is displayed immediately adjacent to the side mirrors of the vehicle. The rear of the vehicle shows the word "Police" against the back of the trunk. The graphics are all made of reflective material thereby allowing for greater visibility at night. The Department kept the traditional two toned black and white paint scheme that has become a traditional mainstay in the community.

Thus far, the new vehicle design has received a positive reception from both police department employees and citizens

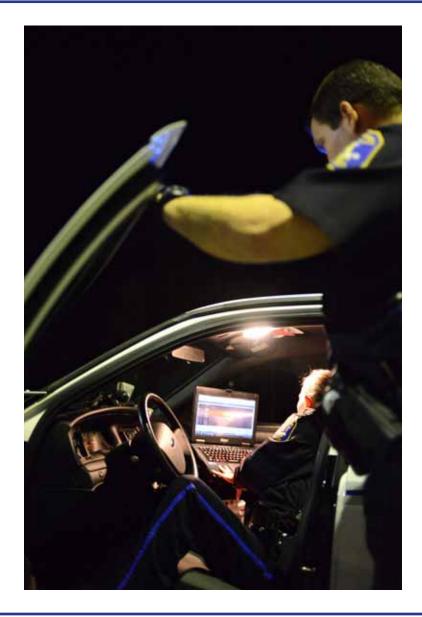
alike. Because of the improvements, citizens should be able to more readily identify the new police cruisers, especially during nighttime hours.

Traffic Unit

For the Traffic Unit, 2012 proved to be difficult, but successful. While the number of collisions in Charleston continued to increase, those resulting in death declined by over 30%. The Traffic Unit continually strives to reduce collisions through targeted enforcement of aggressive traffic.

In addition, several members of the Traffic Unit actively participated with other local agencies in the High School Injury Prevention Coalition (HSIPC) by putting on what are known as "DUI Rodeos" at local high schools. At these events students are provided a pair of "DUI goggles" which simulate impairment to varying degrees. The students are then put through several standardized field sobriety tests to show the impact of drugs and alcohol on gross motor skills. To facilitate these opportunities, the department was able to acquire a set of "DUI goggles" through its active participation in various law enforcement networks dedicated to highway safety.





The unit acquired a new radar speed trailer that is equipped with Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology. This equipment has been instrumental in slowing down vehicles in neighborhoods and providing priceless intelligence to the law enforcement community.

The Traffic Unit continued its support, participation and sponsorship of the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) campaign. Each month officers participate in the Victim Impact Panel, hosted by MADD, to illustrate the real and unseen victims of impaired driving. Furthering the unit's support of MADD, Sergeant Matt Wojslawowicz, Administrative Sergeant for the Traffic Unit, attended the National MADD Convention in Washington DC, where the focus was on Ignition Interlock Programs.

Technology

In 2012 the department began to look into and develop an initiative to replace the first generation Mobile Computer Terminals (MCT) acquired 2009. It was initially thought it would take three years to completely implement but through careful budgeting and cost savings in other areas the program is expected to be completed

in 2013. These new terminals are better equipped to handle the department's next generation in-car camera system which ties into the MCT. As a result, the new camera system will allow officers to review video in a much simpler way. It also allows for faster data uploading and forwarding of evidence to the appropriate personnel. The department added sixty additional cameras to the fleet substantially increasing the total number available. They provide additional safety to the community and officers alike.

While the MCT and cameras were funded largely through city resources, the department has also actively pursued both federal and state grant funding to continue to develop resources and technology available to the department. Through this effort the department was able to successfully obtain additional funding through a Port Security grant to expand an existing Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) Program. The system works through a series of fixed cameras which provides information to officers about drivers operating a vehicle with a suspended license, suspended license plates and outstanding warrants. Given the tremendous success, the department is currently exploring the possibilities of mobile platforms and car mounted units.

New-Generation Mobile Computer Terminals

The continued efforts to improve technology have led to the implementation of computer upgrades. During 2012, the newgeneration Mobile Computer Terminals were brought into service. These terminals are replacing older models which allow officers to have the most current technology. While patrolling their beats officers will have immediate access to the most up-to-date data. The terminals will be able to process information at a higher speed. They also have better video capabilities. The project was expected to take three years, but with careful planning the upgrade will be completed in 2013.

Housing Unit

The Charleston Police Department's Housing Unit is responsible for proactively patrolling and responding to calls for service for all City-owned and operated housing facilities. The Housing Unit is comprised of four patrol officers and a supervisor who are responsible for several dozen housing facilities that are located in different places

throughout the City.

The primary objective for the Housing Unit is to serve as a liaison between the Department and the residents. Although the officers within the Unit engage in patrol functions, they also create, build and foster relationships with residents. Because of this unique relationship and the rapport that is subsequently established, these officers are familiar with both law abiding citizens and members of the criminal element. Consequently, Housing officers are often able to readily address issues before a criminal event occurs. When a crime is committed, this unique relationship then serves to provide pertinent and timely information. The relationship between the Housing Unit and the residents they serve is a primary factor for the significant reduction in violent crime within City-owned facilities.

Recently, the Housing Unit demonstrated success with the apprehension of several violent offenders for crimes such as murder and armed robbery. When a violent crime does occur within the jurisdiction of the Housing Unit, the residents in these communities often provide information that allows for arrests to be made in a timely fashion. If this unique relationship had not



been established, residents would be less inclined to pass along information that is vital to preventing crime and apprehending offenders.

All of the Housing officers are bicycle certified and many have other certifications and years of police experience. The Housing Unit's experience, qualifications and relationship with the community residents are all integral reasons for the Unit's demonstrable pattern of success.

Community Services Officers (CSO)

The City of Charleston Police Department has a unique way of involving the community in its Volunteer Program. The Community Services Division is a unit that provides nearly four thousand hours of volunteer service through the CSO Traffic Team and the CSO Administrative Team.

The CSO Traffic Team operates under the supervision of the Special Units Division. These volunteers complete a certification process that provides them with the skills needed to assist sworn police officers in a variety of areas. This team consists of several officers that can supplement the Uniform and Traffic Divisions. These men and women respond to motorist assistance calls for service that include becoming locked out of a vehicle, running out of gas, flat tires and mechanical breakdowns. They also

assist collision investigators with traffic control and waiting for wreckers thus freeing patrol officers to return to enforcement service much sooner. Traffic CSOs can work minor traffic collisions with less than \$1000.00 in vehicle damage themselves. Parking lot and minor rear-end collisions account for a large percentage of calls for service. This team can provide those drivers with the appropriate forms, again, allowing patrol officers to stay in service.

As part of the CSO Traffic Team, a division was created for younger volunteers between the ages of seventeen and twenty who wanted to volunteer. The CSO Cadet Program gives that age group the opportunity to work alongside certified Traffic CSOs. The cadets learn the skills needed to function as a CSO and prepares them to take the Oral Board of Review for Certification as soon as they reach twenty-one years of age. This program advanced its first cadet into the regular ranks in 2012. CSO Cadet Daniel Prentice successfully completed the program and passed the CSO Certification Oral Board of Review. Prentice is now being considered for a CSO Field Training Officer position because of his exemplary service and dedication to the program.

The CSO Admin Team provides assistance in various offices inside the Police Department.

These volunteers work in the Office of the Chief of Police, Central Investigations, Front Desk, Communications and other divisions where filing, document destruction, data entry or specific administrative assignments are needed.

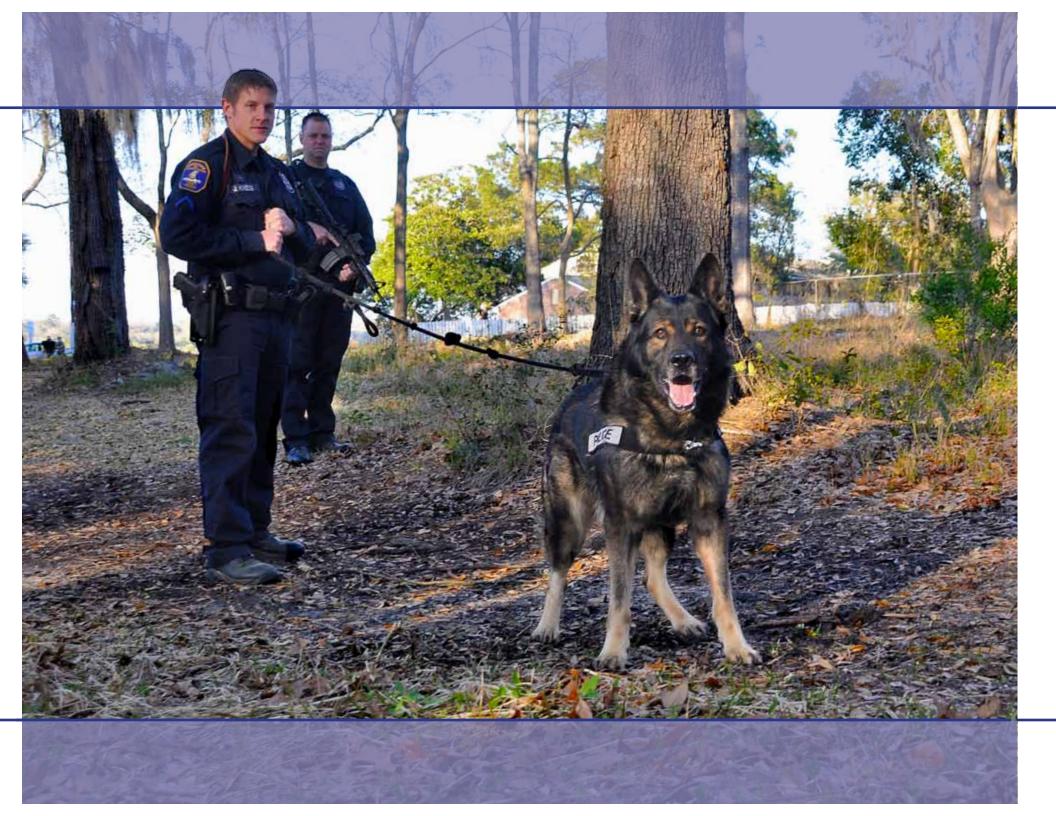
In 2012, forty-four police volunteers provided 3,856 hours of service to the Department and the citizens and visitors to the City of Charleston

Safety and Security Camera System

In 2012, the Charleston Police Department completed the implementation of the Safety and Security Camera System with the addition of two monitoring personnel. This system is very useful in assisting officers and investigators in solving cases from murder to simple possession of marijuana. It also was used to show allegations made by several citizens were false. This saves investigators valuable time and energy that can be otherwise focused on valid cases.

Since adding the additional staff, arrests have been made based on their observations. The department expects this to increase as their knowledge of the camera system grows. This equipment has enhanced the department's capabilities to prevent and solve crimes in areas where the cameras are located.





Responding to the Need

K9 Unit

The K9 Unit experienced a great deal of change in 2012. In March, the retirement of two long-time K9 handlers and their dogs — Sergeant Louis Reed and K9 Boadie and Corporal James Teston and K9 Raz. Sergeant Raymond Odell, and his K9 Natas, assumed the responsibilities of overseeing the K9 unit until their retirement in October. Officer David Tharp with K9 Panzer, then assumed responsibility for the unit.

Despite all of the changes, the unit continued to perform at a high level participating in over twenty-five special events, including Spoleto, the MOJA Festival, the Cooper River Bridge Run and the Southeastern Wild Life Exposition. In addition, the unit conducted over 250 narcotic sweeps ranging from traffic stops and port container inspections to requests by local school officials. The sweeps resulted in large amounts of narcotics being seized in addition to assisting in various state and federal investigations. The unit also located ten firearms taking them out of the hands of potentially violent criminals. Twelve apprehensions were made by the K9 unit, including one incident where officers were almost struck by a vehicle driven by a fleeing

suspect. That apprehension resulted in federal indictments for firearms violations.

The bedrock of this success is based on the strong training and leadership from within the unit. Throughout 2012, officers attended various training seminars including the Charlie Kirchner Narcotics Seminar, Advanced Traffic Stop, Basic Investigator Course, Patrol Drug Interdiction, Rural Drug Interdiction, Interrogation and the North American Police Work Dog Association Workshop where three officers and their dogs were certified as patrol canine teams.

Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT)

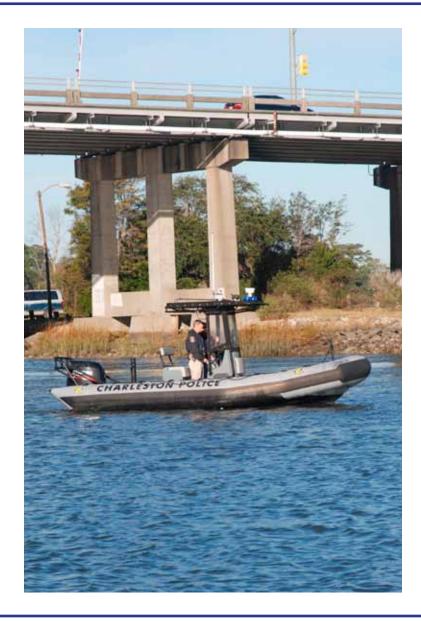
Deployed to respond to suicidal parties, barricaded subjects and hostage situations, the mission of the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) is to peacefully resolve crisis events through using various negotiation strategies and tactics. Often deployed in conjunction with the SWAT and EOD Teams, the Crisis Negotiation Team is comprised of a wide variety of officers possessing an assortment of individual talents and experience in the field of situation de-escalation. Of the numerous events to which the team responded, one of the most difficult situations in 2012 was in support of assisting a troubled individual atop the Ravenel Bridge during afternoon rush hour traffic.

Because of the high risk nature and potential consequences of CNT calls, the team trains both within the department as well as in conjunction with neighboring teams. In addition to maintaining a stringent training program, the team also partners with the Charleston Mental Health Department. This allows officers to receive specific training in areas of mental health that the various community institutions in the Charleston area are treating with greater frequency.

Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU)

The Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU) is comprised of a commander, assistant commander and several squads of specially trained Charleston Police officers equipped to handle large disturbances, outside the scope of the specific patrol teams. These officers undergo, at a minimum, quarterly training in tactics, operations and drills designed to minimize the amount of time a disturbance is allowed to persist. The unit has been focusing on the use of dynamic, small-unit tactics better suited to urban environments rather than traditional "skirmish-line" type tactics.

In support of the 2012 Democratic National Convention held in Charlotte, North Carolina, the Civil Disturbance Unit was activated to assist the Secret Service and other local agencies



in manning traffic check points into and out of the convention area. For this detail, the unit conducted two additional days of pre-deployment training.

In addition to training within the unit, several of the supervisors within the unit developed an abridged training program for officers not assigned to the unit, which was implanted as part of the department's required annual training for all officers.

Harbor Patrol

In 2012 the Department's Harbor Patrol acquired a new vessel. It was purchased using funds awarded from a Department of Homeland Security federal grant which assists local municipalities in supporting the Port Security mission. The vessel is a 32 foot Munson high speed landing craft powered by twin Suzuki 300 engines. This vessel has the ability of transporting equipment and personnel to surrounding islands such as Morris Island located just beyond Fort Sumter National Park.

With our area's growing recreational boating and increased traffic on our barrier islands, this vessel bridges the gap with our unit's ability to police these secluded areas

within the City of Charleston. In the past our vessels had limited capabilities in this mission and our unit would often be unable to conduct patrols along these beaches. With this new vessel we have a unique ability to transport all-terrain vehicles like our eight- wheeled amphibious vehicle called the "Argo" and four-wheeled ATVs. We are also able to sustain operations for longer periods of time with this vessel. Unlike a conventional boat, the catamaran hull has a very shallow draft and makes it very easy to nose up to the islands. The bow (front end of the boat) drops down and functions like a bridge for vehicles to drive off

The Munson replaces our 40 foot Sea Ark that was used primarily for dive operations. The new vessel is much more fuel efficient and provides a comfortable ride for our divers. This vessel will also be used to transport the bomb team on missions such as clearing bridge sites for events like the Cooper River Bridge Run.

Underwater Recovery Team (UDT)

The year 2012 provided a variety of challenges for the Underwater Recovery Team (UDT). It utilizes specialized equipment to

conduct sweeps, inspections and recovery operations. Often times given the complexity and difficulty of such operations, these tasks are conducted jointly with other local agencies and the United States Coast Guard.

In 2012 the UDT deployed six times in support of Charleston Police Operations, as well as for that of other agencies. The deployments included evidence sweeps of areas where firearms were believed to have been discarded, protective sweeps of various Charleston piers prior to port calls from various United States Navy ships and security sweeps in support of the Cooper River Bridge Run.

The team, headed by Sergeant Harry Mills, consists of several divers, boatswains and equipment operators. Together, the team utilizes a vast array of diving, sonar, and recovery equipment. The team also utilizes several different types of watercraft, ranging from a rigid hull, to inflatable Zodiac style. Given Charleston's busy port traffic and harbor activity and the inherent dangers of underwater operations, a complete debrief and after action report is completed by the entire team to determine strengths, weaknesses and areas for improvement.

Explosive Devices Team (EDT)

The Explosive Devices Team (EDT), commonly referred to as the Bomb Team, had an action packed year. In addition to conducting joint training exercises with the SWAT team and CNT, the Explosive Devices Team, also has regular training solely dedicated to the mission of locating and disarming potential explosive devices.

One of the most common and effective tools in the EDT is specialized K9s. In 2012 the department secured grant funding which supported the purchase of K9 Chuck. K9 Chuck is handled by Officer Robert Wilbanks, who is also a new addition to the EDT. The purchase of K9 Chuck brought the number of explosive detection K9s in the department to three, however also in 2012; K9 Winslow was retired after six years of excellent service. The unit also was able to secure another grant which allowed the purchase of a digital x-ray system. The images from the system can be digitally uploaded for computer analysis increasing the overall effectiveness.

The EDT responded to several high profile incidents including a man threatening to commit suicide on the Ravenel Bridge. He claimed to have a bomb. Through the use of a sophisticated robot, officers located a small device in the form of a pineapple grenade that would pro-





duce smoke. The team, assisted by the Mount Pleasant Police Department, responded to U.S. Senator Jim DeMint's (R-SC) office in downtown Charleston and canvassed James Island Charter High School in reference to various suspicious packages and threats at those locations. Fortunately, no explosive devices were located in any of these responses.

In addition to these incidents, the EDT participated in several special events. They provided protective sweeps during the Cooper River Bridge Run, Family Circle Cup, Southern Republican Leadership Conference, Annual Air Force Ball, PGA Championship Tournament and GOP Presidential Debate. The team also assisted federal agents during Charleston visits by Vice President Joe Biden, House Speaker John Boehner and Deputy Secretary of Defense Dr. Ashton Carter.

SWAT

The Special Weapons and Tactics Team, commonly known as SWAT, serves as a rapid response unit comprised of highly trained officers, marksmen and operators. These officers use a variety of specially equipped vehicles and a wide array of less than lethal munitions to help ensure the high risk situations they respond to end with the safety of all involved preserved. To

reach this aim, the team trains weekly in conjunction with quarterly training sessions with the department's Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) and Crisis Negotiation (CNT) teams. To assist the SWAT Team, the department was able to purchase less than lethal munitions, equipment and provide training opportunities. Most notable was the acquisition of a Recon Scout Robot which allows the team to clear large areas without the need of unnecessarily endangering officers.

This year the SWAT Team provided a variety of support to the department aside from their traditional duties of high risk situations. With the arrival of the 2012 election cycle, Charleston served as host to a Republican Primary Debate, as well as, several other official visits from national and state dignitaries. As a result the SWAT Team provided dignitary protection support. The SWAT Team also participated in several saturation patrols in response to waves of violent crimes. The team participated in five high risk warrant services which yielded multiple felony arrests, firearms and large amounts of drugs and cash. There were four activations for barricaded suspects in 2012 all of which were completed with no significant injuries to those involved.



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The Inner Workings

Charleston Police Fund

The Charleston Police Department was able to explore new crime fighting techniques, technology and expand its mentoring programs through the Charleston Police Fund.

The fund allows the police department to do this outside of the constraints of its annual budget.

It is administered by the non-profit Coastal Community Foundation. A 12 member advisory board headed by Medal of Honor recipient Major General James E. Livingston, (USMC) helps decide how the money is spent.

Predictive Analytics Partnership with IBM

The department strives to keep officers equipped with the most up to date technology. To continue these efforts the department moved forward in its partnership with IBM. This project allows the department to better predict crime trends. The ability to uncover patterns and weak spots is called predictive analytics. Entering data

such as the season, time of day and even the weather can help visualize trends in robberies and burglaries. Once a pattern is discovered departmental resources can be appropriately allocated to deter future crimes. These analytics can also help locate offenders. As the project expands other crimes and locations will be added.

Central Investigations/ Support Bureau

The primary function of Central Investigation/Support Bureau (CID) is to conduct follow-up investigations of reported crimes. These investigations consist of interviewing suspects, victims, and witnesses, analyzing information for validity, reliability, and accuracy, and compiling a comprehensive and factual case file to be presented in court. Each division in the bureau consists of specialized units that investigate crimes related to their expertise. Personnel assigned to Criminal Investigations/Support Bureau include sworn detectives and civilian employees.

Criminal Analysis Unit (CAU)

The Crime Analysis Unit is a civilian unit within the department consisting of two

analysts and a manager. The CAU exists to enhance public safety by supporting Operational, Investigative, and Administrative elements of the Department in support of the Department's mission and strategic plan.

Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU)

The Crime Intelligence Unit is a civilian unit consisting of four analysts and a manager. The CIU supports operational and investigative functions by properly obtaining, collecting, analyzing and disseminating timely intelligence information that contributes to the Department's mission, strategic plan and criminal intervention strategies.

Crimes Against Persons

Crimes Against Persons consists of fourteen detectives, one corporal, two sergeants and one lieutenant who specialize in homicide, armed robbery, sexual assault, domestic violence, juvenile crimes, missing persons, sexual exploitation, elder victim services, victim services, and federal agencies task force members from US Marshals and Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF).

Crimes Against Property

The Property Crimes Unit consists of thirteen detectives, three sergeants, and one lieutenant who specialize in auto theft, burglary, white collar theft, warrants service and the crime stoppers liaison.

Crime Stoppers: 2012 Activity Report

Tips Received	Arrest	# of Rewards Paid
1218	48	18

Warrants Division: 2012 Activity Report

Criminal	Bench	Courtesy	Subpoenas
Warrants	Warrants	Summons	
Served	Served	Served	
603	553	49	547

Warrants Unit

The Warrants Unit is primarily responsible for locating and apprehending wanted persons throughout the State of South Carolina for crimes that were committed within the City of Charleston. The investigators are one part of the overall collective police effort that begins with the initial fact finding of the patrol officers. After an offender has been identified by Central detectives, the



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investigators in Warrants are the next step before court proceedings commence.

Led by a supervisor and four investigators, the Warrants Unit also works closely with other agencies. Each of the investigators have years of police experience and, as such, are very familiar with the local criminal element. Due to the dedication, experience and work ethic of these investigators, the Charleston Police Department currently has the lowest number of active criminal and bench warrants on file for Charleston County.

The Warrants Unit experienced several substantial changes in 2012. First, Warrants was placed within the purview of Central Investigations. The following change has allowed the investigators to work more closely with detectives in Central. As a result, both the Warrants Unit and Central has experienced an increase in information sharing which has subsequently facilitated in the apprehending of wanted persons. Second, the Warrants Unit experienced the retirement of four investigators. The four new investigators were quickly able to transition into Warrants under the direction of the remaining supervisor.

Despite the structural reorganization and

the addition of new personnel, the investigators in the Warrants Unit were able to seamlessly transition into their new job functions. The City of Charleston continues to be a safe city in which to live, work and visit due in part to their committed and collective effort to timely locate and apprehend criminal offenders.

Special Investigations Unit

The Special Investigations Unit consists of twelve detectives, one sergeant and one lieutenant who investigates illegal narcotic activity and vice crimes such as prostitution, human trafficking, internet crimes against children, and gambling. The Special Investigations Unit operates under the philosophy that you should demand a safe, nonviolent, drug free neighborhood in which to live, work and raise your family. Members of this unit are dedicated to pro-active strategies targeting street level dealers and users that negatively impact your neighborhood and deprive you of feeling safe. As a law enforcement entity involved with the community this unit searches for innovative ways to combat the threat posed by illegal drugs. The Special Investigations Unit works with other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in combating illegal narcotic distribution networks.

The Special Investigations Unit had several challenges in 2012. Detectives have seen an increase in the number of minors involved in narcotics and vice investigations. With that increase, detectives had to develop a deeper understanding of child welfare laws. They also had to strengthen their relationship with the Department of Social Services to help victims that were children in Narcotics and/or Vice related crimes.

Detectives were also able to arrest and obtain convictions on several child predators and suspects who deal in Child Pornography. The ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Unit partnered with seventeen schools in the area providing Internet Safety Presentations to 2,860 children and parents. Additionally, addressing the issue of child sexual exploitation, an SIU detective provided five Darkness to Light "Stewards of Children" presentations to newly hired officers.

Court Services

The Court Liaison is responsible for relaying new judicial requirements and procedures then establishing creative and innovative solutions to the police department. The department began re-evaluating several of its court practices and



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scheduling policies to better serve the community and ensure a speedy and timely trial for the accused.

Training

During 2012 the department continued to focus on making sure officers receive current and relevant training. The Office of Professional Development and Training coordinated nearly 500 officers attending courses including advanced traffic stops, gangs and terrorism, surveillance techniques and criminal interdiction. All formal leaders attended the Leadership Challenge Course led by retired law enforcement professionals Patrol officers attended a course developed to teach crowd control techniques and were issued basic crowd control gear. Members of the SWAT Team and the Crisis Negotiators continued their training initiatives as well. SWAT members attended the Basic SWAT School, Rappel Master and Surveillance training. They also attended an active shooter course. The Crisis Negotiators trained on a monthly basis with other local agencies at Charleston Mental Health. The department also continued the Pre-Academy training program to orientate new recruits before they attend the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

Legal - A New Attorney

In 2012, the City of Charleston sought an experienced attorney to provide legal advice and services primarily to the Chief of Police and Police Department. The duties and responsibilities included assisting in developing law enforcement policies and procedures, providing legal advice on a variety of legal issues involving constitutional and statutory matters, assisting the Police Department and other law enforcement agencies in developing criminal cases, representing the City in legal proceedings, including the prosecution of criminal violations in municipal court, providing legal advice on matters raised in state and federal court cases involving the Police Department, investigating personnel matters, assisting in preparing business contracts and administering other legal matters. This attorney would also assist in drafting ordinances, legal memoranda, correspondence and reports, attend City Council meetings, City Council Standing Committee meetings, neighborhood meetings and other meetings as needed.

Mr. Will Bryant, Esq. was hired for the position from among several applicants. Will is a

graduate of the University of South Carolina and The University of South Carolina School of Law. He has settled in to the position and established an immediate rapport with all department personnel.

Forensic Services Division

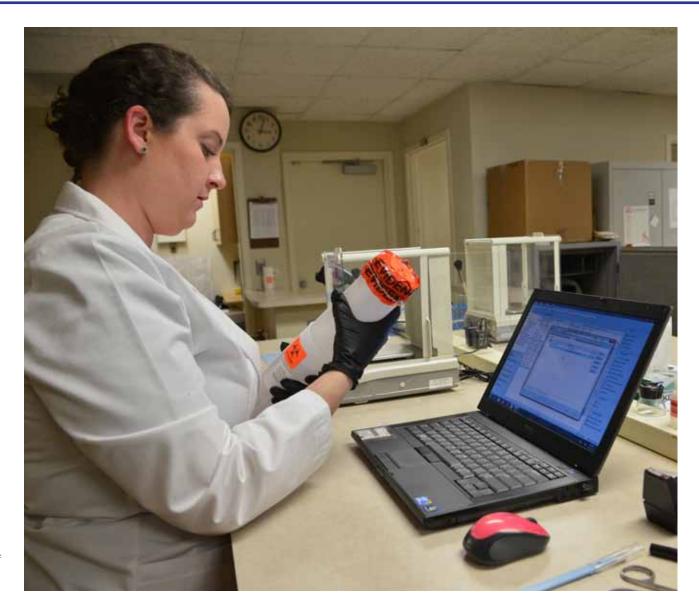
Latent Print Division

The Latent Print Division is responsible for the comparison and identification of latent finger-prints recovered from crime scenes and evidence. The division examined a total of 10,080 latent prints from 1206 cases in 2012. Of these cases, 24 were submitted by outside agencies. The Latent Print examiners made 373 fingerprint identifications.

Forensic Laboratory

The Forensic Laboratory is a stand-alone facility that achieved national accreditation in 1998 from the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board. In 2012, the laboratory purchased a gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer from funding obtained through the Justice Assistance Grant Program.

The Forensic Laboratory examined a total of 6752 specimens from 2185 cases. Of these, 727



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were submitted by outside agencies. The laboratory received 2153 cases for controlled substance analysis, 15 serology cases and 17 fire debris cases.

Digital Evidence Unit

Digital Evidence Examiners are responsible for the recovery and analysis of electronic evidence as well as providing specific technical support in the search, seizure and evidence preservation of electronic data from crime scenes and systems used in criminal acts. The capabilities of the unit were significantly enhanced in 2012 with the purchase of Cellebrite, a universal forensic extraction device for recovering evidence from cell phones.

The Digital Evidence Unit examined a total of 348 digital devices from 149 cases in 2012. Of these cases, 23 were submitted by outside agencies. DEU examined 94 computers, 246 cell phones and 54 other types of media in 2012.

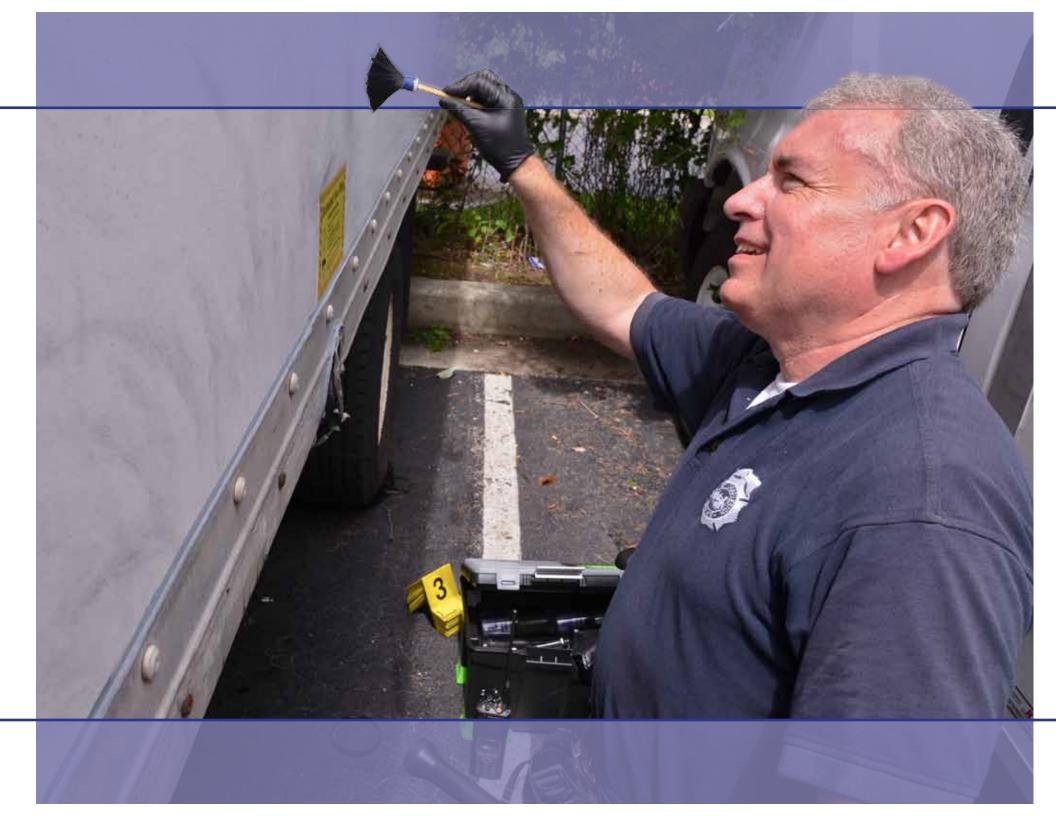
Photography Unit

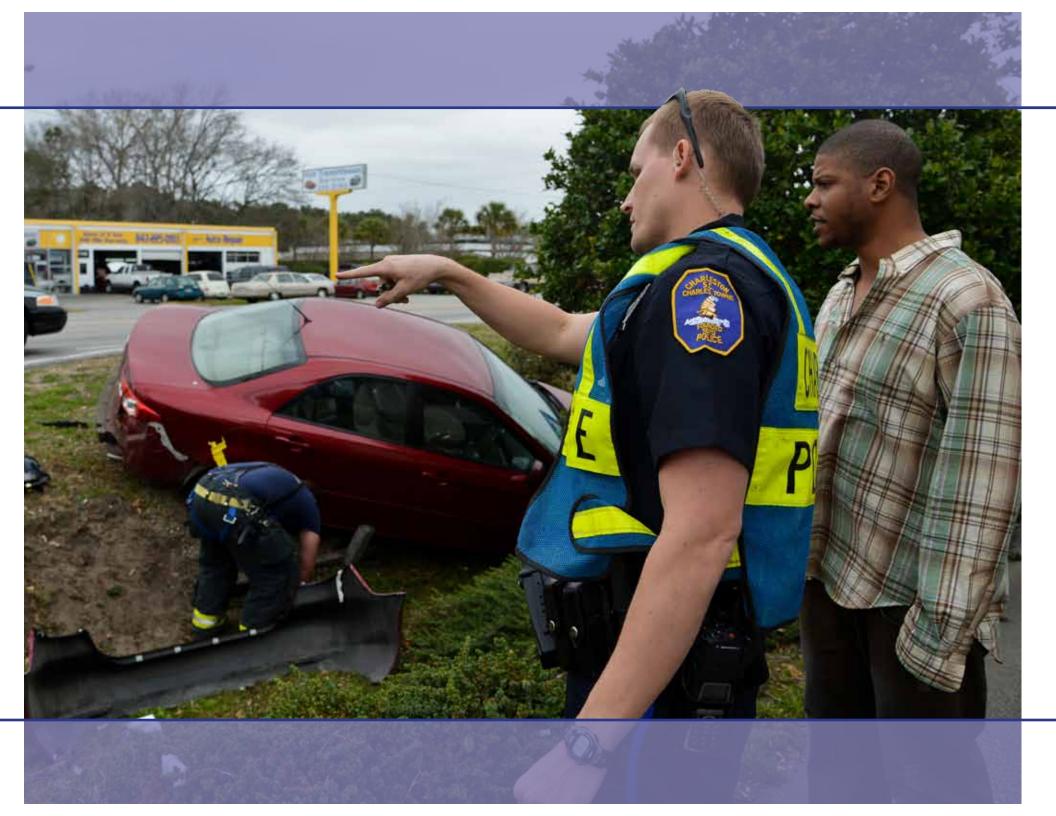
The Photography Unit is responsible for collecting and storing crime scene photographic evidence. In 2012, the Photography Unit attended and recorded 209 events for the department or the City of Charleston. There were 2910 pieces of media (photographs, CDs, DVDs) distributed

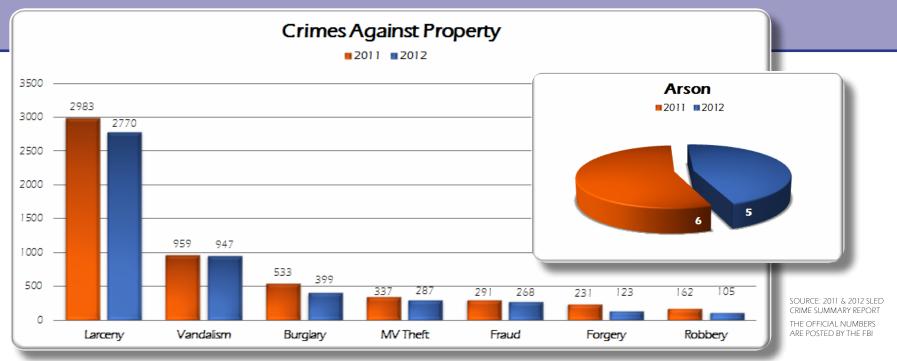
which included the courts, insurance companies or other city departments.

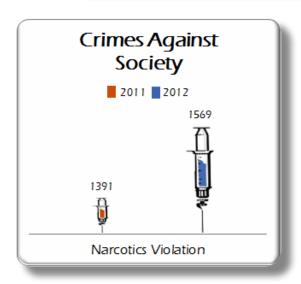
Crime Scene Unit

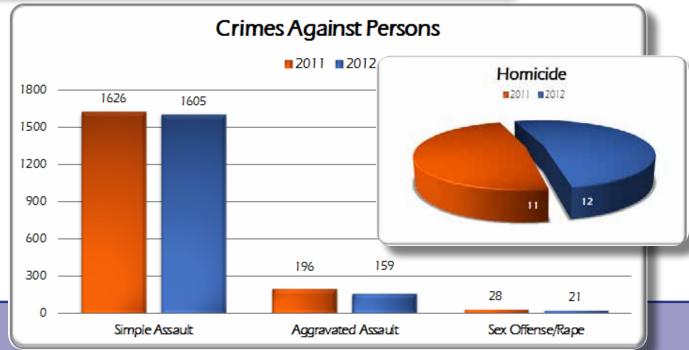
The Crime Scene Unit responded to 1817 calls for service in 2012. Of these scenes, 1263 were photographed and 956 were processed for latent prints. Crime Scene Technicians recovered 3260 pieces of evidence. Latent recovery was performed in the laboratory on evidence recovered from 535 cases.











WITH HUMILITY AND HONOR



Going Beyond

Ms. Sharon Robinson was named Employee of the Year for the City of Charleston for 2011.

One of the last lines written in the letter recommending her for this award sums her up perfectly, "Sharon is one of a kind and is a blessing to everyone who is touched by her."

On December 1, 2011, Charleston Chief of Police Greg Mullen received an anonymous letter asking the Police Department to help a family in need at Christmas. The family consisted of a grandmother and her four grandchildren. The writer wanted the family to have Christmas dinner and presents because they didn't have anything at Thanksgiving.

Sharon realized this was a family the department could help. She and Ms. Suzanne Utnik visited the family and realized the needs ran deeper than providing them with Christmas dinner and presents.

Sharon learned there wasn't any food in the house and the family's utilities were going to be cut off the day before Christmas because of an outstanding bill of more than \$800.00.

Within 24 hours, Sharon worked with SCE&G, several local charities, police officers and other city employees to collect funds to pay the overdue bill. Enough money was collected to provide a small credit on the account for the New Year.

She spoke with Lt. Christine Middleton about the family's need for food. Lt. Middleton and her son Joshua visited their church's food bank and delivered several boxes of food to the family.

The Traffic Division heard about Sharon's effort to help the family and members of that unit decided to provide them with Christmas Eve dinner. Also on Christmas Eve, Sharon and several police officers delivered food and Christmas presents that were donated by citizens and members of the police department.

The grandmother called Sharon and said, "This was the best Christmas her kids ever had."

Many members of the department and the community were involved in the effort to help this family. However, the blessings received by this family at Christmas was a direct result of Sharon Robinson doing what she does best – caring.

Humble Success



Police Officer of the Year Sgt. David Osborne



Team of the Year Violent Crime Unit



Probationary Police Officer
of the Year
PPO Louis Stewart



Fleet Services Employee of the Year Evelyn Grant



Dispatcher of the Year Monica Bland



Civilian of the Year Sonia Green



Forensic Services Tech of the Year Nikki Mitchell



Citizen of the Year SSgt. Jeffrey Aldana, (USAF)



Community Service Officer of the Year Pressley Sports



Volunteer of the Year Kermit Jenkins

Retiring with Honor



Captain Thomas Robertson

37 years of service



Lieutenant David Young

251/2 years of service



Lieutenant Gerald Blake

17 years of services



Sergeant Earl Graham

26 years of service



Lieutenant Gary Wilson

12 years of service



Sergeant Ronald Hull

23 years of service



Sergeant Louis Reed 25 years of service



James Teston
23½ years of service



Corporal Larry Brown 29 years of services



Records Specialist Ernestine Brown 28 years of service



Senior Police Officer Aubrey Sullivan 21 years of service

Retirees Not Pictured:

Captain Kevin Boyd	24 years
SPO Christopher Costanzo	18 years
SPO Randall Davis	26 years
SPO Jerome Fleming	17 years
Sergeant James Glover	23½ years
Lieutenant Harold Hill	25 years
SPO William Russell	18 years
PO Aaron Saramak	3 years
Sgt. Michael Sherman	35 years
SPO Darryl Washington	23 years
Captain Gregory Whitaker	31 years
SPO Paul White	33½ years



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